Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[ ]].

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A ribbon-shaped nonmetallic twist tie having a core part and a wing part constituted from a non-halogenous material, characterized in that the core part and wing part each extend the length of the tie, the tie having a total width of 1.5 to 20.0 mm, a maximum thickness of the wing part of 0.02 to 0.20 mm, a maximum thickness of the core part of 0.04- to 0.30-fold of the total width, and a property of retaining a fixed shape of 95% or less,

where the property of retaining a fixed shape is determined by:

preparing a sample tie having two ends and a length of 80 mm;

marking lines M a predetermined distance apart at the central portion of the sample tie;

bending the sample tie to align the ends of the sample tie and to align the marked lines M;

applying 80g of load at the marked lines M;

removing the load;

determining a straight line distance l_2 between the marked lines M

immediately after removing the load;

determining a straight line distance l_3 between the marked lines M two minutes after removing the load; and

determining the property of retaining a fixed shape R, where

$$R = \{1 - (l_3 - l_2)/(l_3)\} \times 100.$$

2. (Original) The nonmetallic twist tie according to claim 1, characterized in having a torsion strength of 5 to 15 N.

3. (Original) The nonmetallic twist tie according to claim 1, characterized in having a tensile elasticity of 5,000 to 30,000 Mpa.

4. (Currently Amended) The nonmetallic twist tie according to claim 1, characterized in having a property of forming a fixed shape of 90% or more and a property of retaining a fixed shape of 70 to 95%**, where the property of forming a fixed shape is determined by:**

preparing a sample tie having two ends and a length of 80 mm;

marking lines M a predetermined distance apart at the central portion of the sample tie;

bending the sample tie to align the ends of the sample tie and to align the marked lines M;

determining a straight-line distance l_0 between the marked lines;

applying 80g of load at the marked lines M;

determining a straight-line distance l_1 between the marked lines upon loading; and

determining a property of forming a fixed shape B, where

$$B = \{(l_0 - l_1)/(l_0)\} \times 100.$$

5. (Original) The nonmetallic twist tie according to any one of claims 1-4, characterized in having a drawing-out property where a degree of curving to the drawing-out direction is 10° or less and a curl radius to the winding direction retains the range of 50 to 200 mm.